G. W. SMITH, NEW T. P. A. PRESIDENT.

Missouri Traveling Men Hold Their Annual Convention and Election in St. Louis.

BUSINESS FINISHED IN A DAY.

Resolution Is Adopted Indorsing the World's Fair-Post A Entertains in the Evening With a Smoker.

The commercial travelers of Missour demonstrated yesterday they knew how to transact business in a hurry

The Missouri division of the Travelers' Protective Association convened in its eleventh annual convention in the dialogroom of the Lindell Hotel, and by 5 o'clock they were ready to adjourn and enjoy the smoker which came later in the evening The delegates numbered nearly eighty, representing posts from St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, St. Joseph, Joplin, Sedalia and Mexico.

President Frank Roberts of Springfield called the meeting to order. He delivered a brief address, in which he thanked the members for the support they had given him in the past year. The report of Secretary and Treasurer Will B. Webber showed an increase in membership in the past year of 719. The loss was only 283 through withdrawals, deaths and demits. The treasury receipts were \$27,536.53, while the disbursements were \$26,709.80, the principal amount of which went to the National As-

Posts at Japlin and Mexico were established. President Roberts announced the committees for the session and an adjournment was taken until the afternoon. During the recess the committees went actively to work and were ready to report when the association convened.

New Officers Elected.

The Committee on Nominations recom-mended the following for officers for the ensuing year: President, G. W. Smith of St. Louis, representative of Buxton & Skinner; secretary and treasurer, Will B. Webber, St. Louis; vice presidents, Post C. Alex. Weaver, Springfield; Post D, F. E. Hoff-man, Sedalia; Post D, F. G. Powers, Kansas City; Post H. Robert A. McGowan, St. Joseph; Post I, George L. Clanton, Mexico; Post J, W. H. Fickleton, Joplin. These were elected. The directors chosen were L.

ciected. The directors chosen were L. Beaume, C. H. Wickard, A. H. Bush, W. M. McConkin, S. H. Young, J. E. Caidwell, Y. J. Nash, Herbert Stafford, J. H. Haller, Y. J. Nash, Herbert Stafford, J. H. Halberstadt, W. C. Wing, J. W. McDonald, E. E. Furry and W. A. Kirchoff. The contest over the delegates to the National Convention, which meets at New Orleans, was a spirited one. The posts outside of the city of St. Louis were allowed to name their delegates first on the basis of one delegate for every 100 members.

Among the members of Post A, which was entitled to twenty-two delegates, there was a friendly scramble for the places. The result was the selection of the following delegates: Springfield, Alexander Weaver and E. H. McCullough; Kansas City, H. L. Roy and H. C. Hammell; Sedaha, A. N. Malthy; St. Joseph, W. S. Mention, Joudin, W. M. Nix; St. Louis, President Smith and Secretary Webber, William Fisher, J. W. McDonald, L. F. Gauss, G. H. Schobineyer, J. E. Caldwell, F. W. Crandall, J. W. Jump, J. H. Alberstadt, John A. Lee, William C. Fritz, W. M. McConkin, C. H. Wickard, William Moskop, A. H. Bash, H. H. Helmon, Joseph Abrams, E. E. Furry, Louis Rosen, W. A. Kirschoff, E. F. Furny, Louise Rose

A pleasing incident of the convention oc-curred when Mr. Lee presented a basket of Marechal Niel roses to the retiring presi-dent and a bunch of similar flowers to Miss' Armstrong, who has acted as stenographer to the association for several years. Mr. Roberts responded in a graceful tribute to the members.

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Resolutions were adopted asking the Western Passenger Association to reconsider its ruling whereby firms whose representatives are unable for good reasons to travel 2,000 miles in one year are obliged to lose the refund on accumulated certificates, and to request the Southwestern Passenger Association to place on sale interchangeable excess baggage books. A resolution indorsing the St. Louis World's Fair in the following words was adopted:

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"Resolved, That this convention hereby heartily indorse the movement now under way to hold in the State of Missouri and city of St. Louis a World's Exposition in 1963 in commemoration of that grand and wise act of statesmanship which, in 1963, added to the United States that magnificent scope of territory known as the Louisiana Purchase, in which is included the State of Missouri, and that we give to the movement our unremitting co-operation.
"Resolved, That the members of Congress from the State of Missouri he urged to initiate and promote all legislation neces-

to initiate and promote all legislation neces sary for the successful carrying on of the same Exposition." same Exposition."

The association selected Kansas City as the next meeting place. Telegrams were read from conventions of the T. P. A. which were in session in Wisconsin, Kentucky, llimois and Indiana.

Smoker at the Lindell.

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Last night Post A of St. Louis entertained the delegates at an informal smoker at the Lindell Hotel. The following programme was carried out:

Miss Lulu McConnell

Thomas G. Scott Eccentric Mencloque Artist
Misses Nettie and Myrtle Frieda.

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Songs and Dances

Ted Higgins

Black-Face Artist, in Cosm Songs

James and Fanny Donovan, in a Luttle Nonsense
Late of Teny Pastor Company, New York,
Charence Cosby

Of St. George's Choir, Mencloque
Mr. Oliver Poe Concert Graphophone
La Peit Mathilda Viglinisk Singer and Dancer

Child Artist

Scott Lawrence Whistling Soloist

One thousand cigars were provided for
the guesta and, from the appearance of the
room, it was evident that a large portion
of them had gone up in smoke.

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MILLS & AVERILL. BROADWAY AND PINE.

OUTPUT OF GOLD.

California's Product Shows a Decrease-Alaska's Big Gain.

San Francisco, Cal., April 21.-The Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco has forwarded to the Director of the Mint at Washington a report showing that the gold and silver product of Call-fornia for the calendar year 1839 amounted to \$15.840,043, of which \$15.335,031 was gold and \$504,012 silver. The silver is given its commercial value. Its coining value is \$1,-

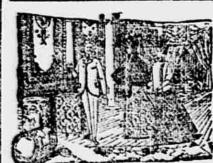
nparing the totals of gold and silver

Comparing the totals of gold and silver with the corresponding figures obtained from the same sources in the year 1898, the gold yield of the State shows a decrease of \$50,457, making a net decrease from the previous year of \$450,490. This is attributed to the fact that, owing to the dry season, many mines were shut down.

The returns to the mint show the employment of 18,791 miners in the gold, silver, lead and copper miners of the State.

Alaska has more than doubled its bullion product in the last year. The receipts of Alaska gold at mints, assay offices, refineries, smelters, etc., for the calendar year 1898 were \$4,600,012, and the silver \$225,343, a total of \$5,831,355, or \$5,199,844 more than in the year 1898. Of this increase it is estimated that \$2,400,000 came from the new placer camp at Cape Nome last season, the

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Brussels Carpet, worth 80c, This Week	65c
Brussels Carpet, worth 60c, This Week	45c
Ingrain Carpet, worth 35c. This Week	.22c
Ingrain Carpet, worth 50c, This Week	35c
Straw Matting, worth 20c. This Week	12c
Straw Matting, worth 30c, This Week	20c

UNEXAGGERATED BARGAINS.

REDROOM SETS I pieces, hardwood, antique finish, worth \$8.00, This Week	\$12.50
BEDROOM SETS, solid oak, micely finished, worth \$22.00. This Week	\$15.00
WARDROBES, antique finish, well made, worth \$7.00. This Week	\$4.50
WARDRORES, selld cak, large size, worth \$12.50, This Week	\$8.50
PARLOR SUITS 5 pieces, silk tapestry covering, worth \$30.00, This Week	\$17.50
PARLOR SUITS, with richly carvel frames, worth \$65.00. This Week	\$32.50
COOK STOVES, every one good cookers and bakers, worth \$15.00. This Week	\$7.50
CHIFFONIERS, solid oak, well made, worth \$6.50. This Week.	\$4.98
CHIFFONIERS, with mirror top, solid oak, worth \$11.09, This Week	\$7.75
6-foot EXTENSION TABLES, antique finish, worth \$1.75, This Week.	\$3.50
PHLAR ENTENSION TABLES, solid oak, worth \$5.00, This Week.	\$4.25



UNEXAGGERATED BARGAINS.

frame, best springs, worth \$12.00, This Work	\$7.75
BED LOUNGES, hand-omed frames, silk plush or tap- estry covering, worth \$18.00. This Week	\$12.50
HAT RACKS, solid onk, polish finish, worth \$6.50, This Week	\$4.25
HAT RACKS, large size, solid oak, worth \$12.00. This Week	\$7.50
IRON BEDS, white enamel, brass trimmed, worth \$1.75, This Week	\$2.25
IRON BEDS, fancy designs, worth \$7.00. This Week	\$5.00
SIDEBOARDS, with large mirrors, nicely carved, worth \$20.00	\$12.50
STEEL RANGES, four hole, best make, worth \$27.00. This Week.	\$19.00
MANTEL FOLDING BEDS, antique finish, worth \$14.90, This Work	\$8.50

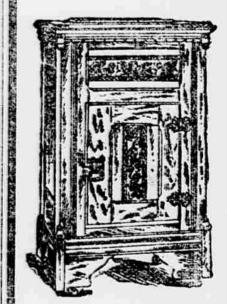


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CORDUROY COUCHES, deep tufted, worth \$7.00, This Week.

We have a big assortment here to show you at remarkably Low Prices. Buggy, like cut, nicely upholstered, with plush roll, This Week,





Sideboard, like cut, solid oak, with bevel plate mirror, worth \$12.50, This Week,



Upright Folding Beds, like cut, antique finish, worth \$25, This Week,

first year in its listory, and the rest of the first year in its history, and the lost of the instease from the quartz mines of South-eastern Alaska.

The receipts at mints, assay offices private retineries and smelters for the calcular year 1829 from the Northwest Territory of the Klondiker were \$15,98,67 gold and \$257,389 silver, a total of \$16,234,197. This shows a marked advance in output for the Klondike field since the increase over the previous year is \$5,028,108.

FILIPINO WOMEN PIOUS.

Their Churches Badly Need Stations of the Cross.

Washington, April 21.—General Joseph Wheeler, in a letter to Miss Fannie Whee-lan, a prominent Catholic of this city, has set on foot a movement to aid the poor churches of the Philippine and Ladrone slands. In this letter General Wheeler

During my recent visit to the Philippines During my resent visit to the Philipplnes and the Ladrones I was much impressed with the creat deversion of the women, and it occurred to me that it would be a graceful thing for the Cathelic women of our country to show their appreciation of the piety of their sisters of the East in some substantial way.

"While on the Island of Guam, where there are six churches, I inquired what would be the most acceptable present, and was informed that the churches, which are very similar to our small country churches, need stations of the cross." very similar to our small the cross."

CONVICT BECAME DESPERATE. Tried to Jump From a Moving Train.

DEPUBLIC SPECIAL. Jefferson City, Mo., April 21.-Sheriff Pohlmann reported considerable trouble with one of the twelve prisoners whom he brought to the pentientiary to-day. Thomas Tracy, under an eight-year sentence for assault to kill, attempted to escape and lunged against one of the car windows, breaking the glass, and had almost gotten through the window when he was caught by one of the deputies and pulled back tato the car and securely chained.

GOVERNOR TANNER RESTING.

May Postpone the Operation Until After Peoria Convention.

Springfield, III., April 21.—Governor Tanner enjoyed a restful day to-day and suffered little pain. The anxiety expertenced by other members of the executive household over the approaching surgical operation ap-parently was not shared by himself, and be appeared in excellent spirits. With the most favorable developments, however, he will see no one for several days. The date for the operation has not been set and is appropriate causing some of the will see no one for several days.

The date for the operation has not been set and is apparently causing some of the political leaders much concern. The physicians are anxious to do the work as soon as possible, seeing nothing to be gained by delay, but the question to be settled by the Governor is whether or not to postpone the ordeal until after the State Republican Convention at Peorla.

One thing is certain, if the operation is performed next week, as the surgeons hope, Governor Tanner will be unable to attend the Peorla Convention. If, on the other hand, it can be postponed a few weeks without increasing the danger of the outcome, there is a possibility that the Governor Will be well enough to attend the convention and some of the leaders of his cause believe that his presence is absolutely essential on that occasion.

The patient apparently believes, with his friends, that his presence is needed at the convention, and he has not settled in his own mind what course to pursue.

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ATTACK ON OLEOMARGARINE. Secretary Wilson Says It Is Injurious to Health.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Washington, April 21.-Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural Department said to-day that there is no truth in the claim that Oleomatgarine is "as good as butter."

He favors the measure now being considered in the House committee and known as the Grout obsomargarine bill.

The Grout bill, as I understand it," said Secretary Wilson, "proposes to tax mintations of butter. I am utterly unable to find a reason why this should not be done, and I believe it to be the paramount duty of Congress to pass the bill without delay, "There is no comparison with genuine butter and oleomargarine," Mr. Wilson content and it is a close yesterday at Fort Worth, Tex. The most stubbernly fought suit for dsmages against a railroad company that has ever been known in the court records of this section came to a close yesterday at Fort Worth, Tex. The Most fire for the side of the car, mangling his hips. Texarkana, Tex., April II—The most stubbernly fought suit for dsmages against a railroad company that has ever been known in the court records of this section came to a close yesterday at Fort Worth, Tex. The case was that of Frank Flack, colored, of this city, against the Texas and Pacific day revival at the Methodist Church to-dist Church at Geary, Ok, R. S. Smedley deomargarine is "as good as butter."

laborer either go to market to buy the cheapest fate or tailow from the steer or the steer or the steer or the steer or the steer that the prevailing market prices if they desire however, to purchase the rate of the dairy cow they are met with different considerations.

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"All fats are different from the butter of the cow. The fat or tallow of the ox or the sheep may be had for 5, 5 or 6 cents a pound, while that of the dairy cew commands in its best condition at present over 30 cents a nound. its best condition at present over at costs a pound.

"Whenever the manipulation of cow's milk," he continued, "is conducted under cleanly conditions or at a proper lemperature, a flavoring element enters by reason of inferoscopic fat growths which are bacteria. These bacteria make the fine flavor for which we pay 20 cents a bound and also add to the digestibility and healthfulners of the product. Other fats do not contain these germs, for the reason that there is nothing in them upon which they may live and multiply.

tiply, "Now, when the millionaire and the la "Now, when the millionaire and the laborer go to market," said Secretary Wilsan.
"and are led into purchasing these cheaper fats rigged and jockeyed in such a way as to imitate batter, they are not only deceived and robbed, but they are made to introduce into their stomachs and the stomachs of their families substances that are injurious to their health beyond question. The deleterious qualities of body fat and tallow, such as are largely used in the production of imitation butter, cannot be eliminated by decodorizing processes or such things. Let any one take a piece of bread and butter, weighing the butter and eat it, and then take a piece of bread and tallow, weighing that, and eat the first one day and the second the pext day, and he'll find the difference quickly."

New Missouri Corporations.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Jefferson City, Mo., April 21.—Certificates
of Increases. REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Jefferson City, Mo., April 21.—Certificates of incorporation were issued by Secretary of State Lessieur to-day as follows:
The Mexico Mining Company of Mexico; canital stock, \$15,60. Incorporators—Onlindo Hitt, J. T. Williams, P. E. Leske and others.
The Limins Gracery Company of St. Louis, capital stock, \$2,90. Incorporators—J. J., M. J. and P. S. Ives.
Conway Mercantile Company of Conway: capital stock, \$2,90. Incorporators—L. P. Filiman, A. F. Laullin, A. H. Smith and J. R. Davis, The Toollo Estate of St. Joseph; capital stock, \$2,90. Incorporators—L. P. Filiman, A. F. Laullin, A. H. Smith and J. R. Davis, The Toollo Estate of St. Joseph; capital stock, \$2,90. Incorporators—K. M. Tootle, Mitton Tootle, Jr. John J. Tootle, Thomas S. Dameron and Edward C. Dameron.
After an examination of the condition of the Missouri Town Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Nevada, made by the Insurance Department a few days see, the company was notified by Superintendent Orem to voice an assessment on its notes and pay its lesses. The company inferiupon made an assignment to Douglass Wight. On Junuary 1 the company had over \$4,50,500 of insurance in force. Its assets, including premium notes, is about \$12,200, and Pablities, including contested claims, over \$12,500.

April Birth Month Rings.

The two churchines wented to robse money to his on organ, and they also wanted to start a Sunday school. Many of the older persons in the congregation held these acts

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Says He Has Practiced Conscientious Economy.

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Paris. April 21. - Regarding the demand in Congress for a detailed statement of the expenditures of the United States Paris Exposition Commissioner, Commissioner General

"The statement sent to Congress was pre

pared under the art of Congress by the official disbursing officer, who has had four experience in Treasury Department matters. As to my personal traveling expenses, I have visited Paris before the present just twive, in the performance of my afficial data time, since my appointment twenty months ago, at a cost to the Government of less than \$500, instead of the large amount published, which probably referred to traveling expenses of the heads of departments and expenses of the Luited States to Paris. We have been obliged to collect our exhibits in every part of the United States, involving, necessarily, considerable traveling expense to the corps of experts. This does not apply to any other great nation, their territories being comparatively small, and near Paris, and saving large freight expenses. Yet, the appropriation of the United States is less in proportion to our exhibit areas than the amount provided by any other great nation. There has been most conscientious economy practiced throughout." experience in Treasury Department matters

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Hurt White Benting His Way. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Poplar Bluff, Mo., April 21,-John Bercle of Argenta, Ark., while beating his way on the Iron Mountain Railread, met with . accident this morning in the yards here while a car was being switched. The lumber with which it was loaded pinioned him

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Sixteenth District Directors Agree

on County Dates. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Ill., April 21.-Directors of the Farmers' Institutes of the Sixteenth Congressional District met here to-day to argressional District met here to-day to atrange programmes and work of the annual
institute meetings and to fix the dates of
the sessions. The Christian County Institute will be held in Taylorville, December
13. 14 and 15. Logan County at Lincoln, December 5. 6 and 7; Sangamon County at
Auburn, October 15. 17 and 18; Menard County at Petersburg, November 27, 28 and 22.
The date for the Macon County meeting was
not settled. The members of the district
organization will recommend that the State
Institute meet at Decatur.

Accident May Prove Fatal.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fana, Ill. April 21.—John Miller, aged 22, son of an old soldier of Ridge Township, met with an accident which will likely result fatally. As he was driving through a gate at night, the young man's horse started to run. Before he could get the lines it ran late a wagon and threw him out, breaking and mangling his leg. Physicians were called but, failing to reduce the fracture, they advised amputation. He refused to submit, and the result is that mortification has set in, and he is thought to be dying.